

Humorist Keillor to explore literary friendships

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Humorist **Garrison Keillor** is launching a five-show radio series next year on Minnesota Public Radio called “Literary Friendships.”

Each show at the Fitzgerald Theater will feature two noted writers who also are close friends, discussing their craft and their relationship.

Keillor said he was inspired by famous literary companions such as **F. Scott Fitzgerald** and **Ernest Hemingway**, or **Gertrude Stein** and **Thornton Wilder**.

“All the legends have to do with suffering solo — the lonely misunderstood writer,” Keillor said in a statement. “When you find someone who is a friend to you and to your writing, it’s an enormous gift.”

The shows will be taped between January and June. Keillor’s Prairie Home Productions is staging the series, which will air locally next summer. They also will be offered nationally by MPR’s distribution arm, American Public Media.

Participants will include poets **Robert Bly** and **Donald Hall**; Pulitzer Prize-winner **Michael Chabon** and his wife, mystery writer **Ayelet Waldman**; poets **Dana Gioia** and **Kay Ryan**; author **Sandra Cisneros** and poet **Joy Harjo**; and Pulitzer Prize-winner **Michael Cunningham** and poet **Marie Howe**.



Garrison Keillor,
radio personality